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To provide for the convening of a White House Conference on United States Energy Policy to develop a national energy policy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEYGAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “White House Con-
5 ference on United States Energy Policy Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONFERENCE.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The President shall convene a
8 White House Conference on United States Energy Policy
9 in order to develop a national energy policy for the United

1 States. Such Conference shall take place within 90 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 (b) PLANNING AND DIRECTION.—The Conference
4 shall be planned and conducted under the direction of the
5 Secretary and the Administrator, in cooperation with the
6 heads of such other Federal agencies as are appropriate.

7 (c) PURPOSE.—The primary purpose of the Con-
8 ference shall be to develop and recommend a national en-
9 ergy policy for the United States. As part of that effort,
10 the Conference shall—

11 (1) examine the need for, and make rec-
12 ommendations for strategies for promoting, energy
13 conservation;

14 (2) make recommendations for how best to pro-
15 mote the development of sources of energy other
16 than fossil fuels, including defining the appropriate
17 Federal role in such development;

18 (3) assess the appropriate role of fossil fuels in
19 United States energy policy, including an assessment
20 of the efficiency and environmental effects of the use
21 of fossil fuels;

22 (4) examine the effects on energy supply and
23 pricing of regulation, anticompetitive factors, inven-
24 tory taxes, and ongoing mergers of energy compa-
25 nies; and

1 (5) identify crucial issues in the development of
2 a national energy policy.

3 (d) PARTICIPANTS.—The President shall invite to the
4 Conference appropriate representatives of—

5 (1) Federal, State, and local government policy-
6 makers;

7 (2) industry, including producers, manufactur-
8 ers, and wholesale and retail providers of energy and
9 energy products, and including alternative energy
10 producers, manufacturers, and providers;

11 (3) consumers;

12 (4) scientists;

13 (5) environmentalists;

14 (6) regulators; and

15 (7) any other group the President considers ap-
16 propriate.

17 The President shall invite participants without regard to
18 political affiliation or past partisan activity, and shall en-
19 sure that participation in the Conference is representative
20 of a broad spectrum of expertise and opinions.

21 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION.**

22 In administering the Conference, the Secretary and
23 the Administrator shall—

1 (1) request the cooperation and assistance of
2 the heads of such other Federal agencies as may be
3 appropriate;

4 (2) prepare and make available in the Federal
5 Register for public comment a proposed agenda for
6 the Conference not later than 30 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act;

8 (3) provide promptly any relevant information
9 requested by the participants of the Conference; and

10 (4) ensure that the recommendations of the
11 Conference are not inappropriately influenced by any
12 authority or special interest.

13 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

14 Not later than 90 days after the close of the Con-
15 ference, the Secretary and the Administrator shall trans-
16 mit to the Congress a report containing the findings and
17 recommendations of the Conference, including rec-
18 ommendations for administrative actions and legislation
19 necessary to implement the recommendations of the Con-
20 ference.

21 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act—

23 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
24 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

1 (2) the term “Conference” means the White
2 House Conference on United States Energy Policy;
3 and

4 (3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
5 of Energy.

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